# **Appendix A: Community Outreach Memorandum**



**TO**: The Chinatown Community Vision Plan Steering Committee

**FROM:** The Planning Team

DATE: November 26, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Community Outreach Memorandum

## Dear Steering Committee,

The Chinatown Community Vision Plan team would like to provide the Steering Committee meeting with a summary of the outreach strategies that have taken place since the commencement of the project.

This Outreach Memorandum highlights the outreach efforts undertaken by the Coalition for a Better Chinese American Community (CBCAC) and the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) and presents key findings of existing issues, challenges, and opportunities in Chinatown gathered from various public engagement tools and strategies.

## Introduction and overview

Community engagement—particularly for traditionally underrepresented populations—is an important element of a sound and comprehensive planning process. To give Chinatown residents and stakeholders a voice in how their community's plan is formulated, this project engaged different representative groups of the community to better understand and address the needs of the community as a whole. While the project team sought input from all members of the Chinatown community, it focused particular attention on the following groups:

- Children/youth, 18 years old and younger
- Young families

- Recent immigrants
- Small business owners
- Elderly citizens

These audiences each have unique perspectives on what topics are most important to address and how the Chinatown Community Vision plan might achieve a desirable future for generations to come. In an effort to engage those who are typically underrepresented from the planning process due to the language barrier or citizenship status, CMAP staff worked with CBCAC and a professional translation service to translate project material into Chinese.

In Phase 1, from April 11 to October 15, 2013, the Chinatown Community Vision Plan launched outreach efforts to gather public input to make this project inclusive of all Chinatown residents. During this period, the team achieved the following goals:

- Introduce the project to the community
- Explain the objectives of the project
- Define the planning process for getting there
- Encourage residents, community leaders, and stakeholders to express their priorities for the future of the Chinatown.

Due to the range of language abilities and familiarity with the planning process, building flexible opportunities for participation was key for the implementation of this phase. Residents and stakeholders had the opportunity to get involved in this phase by choosing to participate in public workshops, stakeholder interviews, and paper or online surveys.

The public engagement phase began with an official project launch event; followed by an activity called "postcards from the future," focus group workshops, business owner and short canvassing surveys, questionnaires, and stakeholder interviews. All of these activities described in this document align closely to the project's Project Outreach Strategy (PROUST), which was created at the beginning of the project to outline the goals and methods for the public participation components of the work CMAP is doing in collaboration with CBCAC. This memorandum details the public engagement tools, results, and significance of this public participation.

## **Outreach activities**

To date, over 1627 residents and stakeholders have participated in the community engagement process for the Chinatown Community Vision Plan. The following information provides a detailed look at the outreach engagement tools utilized to gather input from the community.

**Table 1.1 Public participation numbers** 

Public input opportunity	Number of participants
Steering Committee meetings	18
Project Launch	35
Key Person Interviews	15
Chinatown Postcards from the Future	264
Questionnaires from St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church	34
Public Workshop	
Questionnaires from Pui Tak Center workshop classes	215
Questionnaires from Kelly High School	55
Questionnaires from additional community sources	727
Short Canvassing Survey	250
Business Owners Survey	14
Total	1627

#### Steering Committee

To guide the development of the plan and provide background information on existing issues and opportunities in Chinatown, a steering committee representative of a wide variety of interests and perspectives from the community was formed at the beginning of the project. The steering committee met on March 8, 2013 and July 22, 2013 to keep the steering committee upto-date on the project and gather feedback for the plan documents. There were a total of 18 steering committee members present at the meetings.

#### Project launch event

The engagement phase began with an official public kick-off event held on April 11, 2013 at the Chinese American Service League (CASL). The meeting began with welcome and introductions by the project steering committee chairs Alderman Daniel Solis, C.W. Chan, and Raymond Chin. Following the introduction, CMAP staff gave a detailed overview of the project including a description of the planning process, deliverables, and the project's community engagement strategy.

This event, which had approximately 35 attendees, was meant to promote the project to key partners and stakeholders active within the Chinatown community and to seek their partnership in providing valuable input and assisting the team in engaging the community. The attendees had the opportunity to ask questions about the project and engage in a discussion about how to reach out to the Chinatown community. The event spurred interest from two local newspapers that featured the event in two articles "Have a Vision for Chinatown's Future? Send a Postcard from 2040" and "Chicago Chinatown Vision Plan Launch Outlines a Blueprint for Development."

## Key person interviews

CMAP conducted confidential key person interviews with 15 community stakeholders representing a variety of interests. These stakeholders included business owners, developers, elected officials, and organization leaders. The key person interviews are designed to give CMAP more detailed insight as to what issues and ideas exist in the community and serve as opportunity to deepen the understanding of community dynamics that are relevant to the creation of the community vision plan.

#### Chinatown Postcards from the Future

In order to engage as many people as possible and define a shared community vision, a community-wide activity called "Chinatown Postcards from the Future" was initiated on April 29, 2013. CMAP developed a postcard from the future (Figure 1 in appendix), using pictures from the Chinatown neighborhood, to ask residents what they would like to see in the future of Chinatown.

To date, over 264 postcards have been filled-out and collected, with the help of student volunteers and via postcards that were dropped into comment boxes located at local businesses.

### St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church workshop

A public community workshop was conducted at St. Therese Chinese Catholic Community Church on July 7, 2013. At the workshop, CBCAC and CMAP introduced the project and conducted an activity where participants were asked to fill out a questionnaire that asked about a number of issues relevant to the vision plan (Figure 2). The questionnaire asked the participants to address top concerns in Chinatown and give input on community identity, parks and open space, land use, economic development, community services, healthcare, education, transportation, and housing. The questionnaire also asked the attendees to identify places they liked and disliked, as well as any areas in Chinatown that they believe the community should invest time and effort into. In total, participants completed 34 questionnaires at the St. Therese workshop.

## Pui Tak Center workshops

In the month of August, a series of workshops were conducted at Pui Tak Center with 10 individual English as a second language (ESL) and citizenship classes, yielding a total of 215 surveys collected. Using a Chinese language version of the same questionnaire as the St. Therese workshop (Figure 3), the goal of the Pui Tak Center workshops was to reach new immigrants and young families in order to better understand the issues they believe need to be addressed in the development of the plan.

#### School survey

In order to target youth voices, CBCAC staff reached out to students at Kelly High School, where most of Chinatown's high school-aged residents attend. Staff presented the project in high school classes to increase awareness of the project, encouraging students from Chinatown to complete the questionnaire. The team collected 55 completed surveys from high school students in this focus group workshop. In addition, the team sought input from parents of students from Haines Elementary school by sending surveys home with students.

#### Canvassing

To reach the public at large, a streamlined version of the questionnaire was prepared. This "short canvassing survey" (Figure 4) asked the same questions but facilitated the efficient collection of community input in situations that were not well suited to the more lengthy questionnaire. For example, on July 13, CBCAC staff and summer interns obtained 70 short surveys from canvassing at the annual Dragon Boat Race. In total, there were 250 short canvassing surveys collected at the end of Phase 1 of community outreach.

#### Questionnaires from online tool and additional community sources

In addition to reaching the community stakeholders through key person interviews, short canvassing surveys and questionnaires, and workshops, an online version of the survey was developed to reach a wider range of stakeholders who may not have been able to attend the workshops and meetings. Survey participants had the option to choose to take the online questionnaire in English or Chinese.

An additional 727 questionnaires were collected from a variety of additional community outreach sources, including the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association (CCBA) senior lunch program, the Chinese American Service League (CASL) senior and youth groups, CASL staff, Chinatown Public Library staff, garment factory workers, and patrons and employees from local banks, insurance companies, restaurants, retail and grocery shops, health clinics, and hair salons.

## Business owners survey

Because Chinatown contains a strong presence of local business owners who play an important role in the community, the team a customized survey targeted for merchants (Figure 5) to learn about the challenges they face as business owners, as well as their priorities for the future of their businesses and the future of Chinatown. A total of 14 business owners survey were collected.

## Key findings and results

The information gathered from all of the outreach strategies described above indicates an overall consensus regarding what the Chinatown community believes are the top concerns and needs that should be addressed by the Chinatown Community Vision Plan.

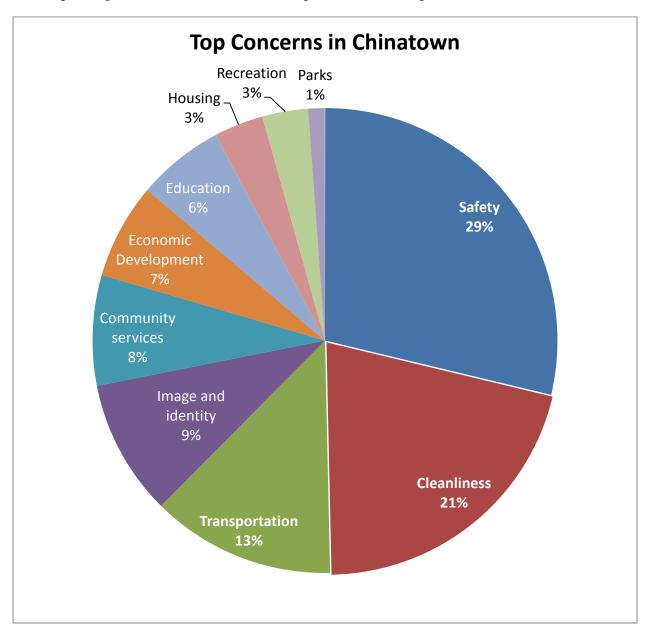
The following discussion focuses on participant responses to the questions that were asked by the outreach questionnaire and short canvassing survey. It should be noted, however, that this input closely corresponds with the observations and opinions gathered through other outreach activities, such as key person interviews and "Chinatown Postcards from the Future."

#### Top concerns in Chinatown

An open-ended question asked participants to list their top three concerns affecting the quality of life in Chinatown. Analysis of the overall responses found three main issues facing residents and stakeholders in Chinatown:

1. **Safety** is the number one concern, accounting for 29% (524 responses) of all responses. People mentioned high robbery rates and feeling unsafe walking around at night.

- 2. **Cleanliness** of the streets, sidewalks, and other public spaces in Chinatown was a close second, making up 21% (381 responses) of all responses. Many of the comments referred to behavioral habits, such as people spitting and smoking, or restaurant waste practices. Others referred to increasing facilities or infrastructure to improve cleanliness, such as having more garbage cans or public toilets.
- 3. **Transportation** was the third top concern, with 13% (233 responses) of all responses. The specific transportation concerns broke down into three main categories: (1) transportation access, such as putting increasing the frequency of bus service or adding more bus stops within Chinatown; (2) transportation infrastructure improvements, such as more stop signs, traffic lights, pedestrian under/overpasses, or bike lanes; and (3) parking, which accounted for over a quarter of all transportation concerns.



Participants were also asked a series of specific questions about Chinatown on a variety of topic areas:

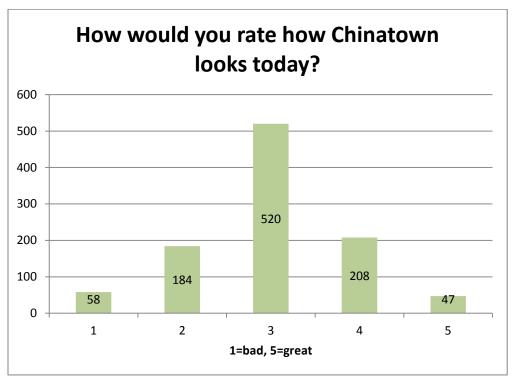
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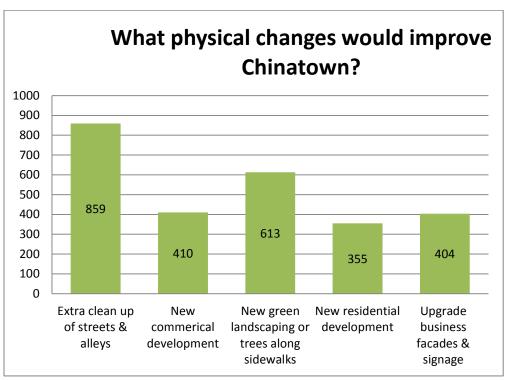
## Community Identity, How Chinatown Looks

Chinatown is a unique neighborhood with many different characteristics and amenities that add to the distinct identity of the community. Cleanliness, ranked as the second overall priority for survey respondents, factored heavily into image and identity issues. Of the other responses focused on other aspects of community identity, 57% were interested in highlighting or strengthening the unique Chinese cultural identity of Chinatown, whether through promoting Chinese cuisine or establishing distinguishing landmark features. Some suggested improvements to the urban environment, such as streetscaping and building façade improvements. Others were concerned with improving public behavior (13%), such as improving public "civility" and "courtesy." The last main group was concerned with having their voices heard by others outside of Chinatown.

To understand how the community views Chinatown, the survey also asked participants to write down the first thing that came to mind when posed the question, "What makes Chinatown unique?" Based on the comments provided, the majority of participants view Chinatown as a cohesive community for Chinese people. The Chinese restaurants and shops, along with the prevalence of the Chinese language, allow people to identify with their neighbors and community. The second most common characteristic that makes Chinatown a unique community are the distinguishing cultural landmarks and architecture, which contribute to the physical identity of the community and make it a destination for tourists and people from other neighborhoods to learn about the culture.

In addition, participants were also surveyed on their opinion concerning the look and character of Chinatown. Most people felt neutral about Chinatown's appearance, but focused on the need for better clean-up of streets and alleyways.

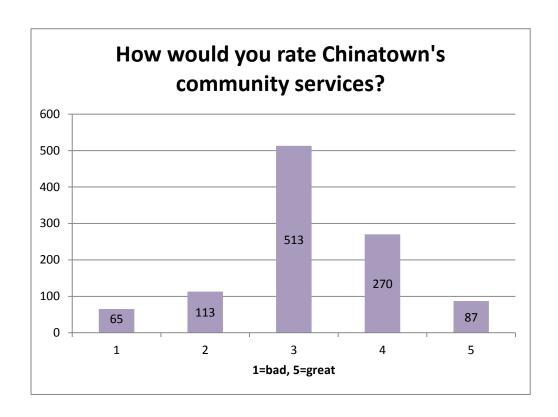


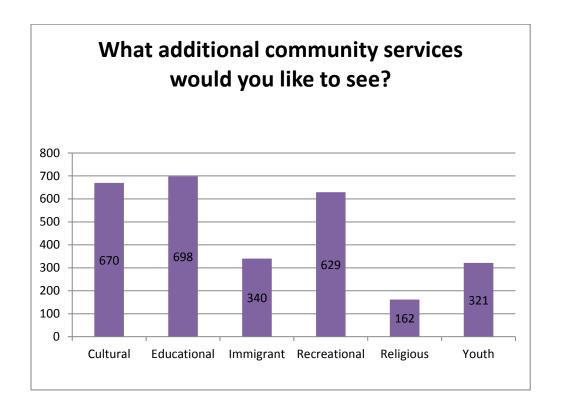


### **Community Services**

One of Chinatown's greatest assets is the variety and quantity of community services available for all age groups and backgrounds. Community service issues collectively made up the fifth top concern. In order to maintain and improve this valuable community asset, participants were specifically asked to rate the existing community services in Chinatown and indicate what type of services they would like to see more of in order to meet the needs of the community.

- **Education** was the top community service that people were interested in seeing more of in Chinatown. In addition to general classroom education, people were interested in job training and educating people on how to adopt better behavioral habits:
  - o **Job training:** Of those, nearly 30% wanted education services for new immigrants, ranging from English language classes to classes to build career skills (such as vocational training). On a related note, a significant number of respondents were interested in diversifying the type of employment opportunities, increasing employment rates, and improving working conditions.
  - o **Behavioral habits:** 20% of the people who talked about education were specifically interested in educating people about proper behavioral habits and civility. Littering and spitting were the behaviors that were seen as most problematic.
- Recreational: Many people felt that there was too little space for recreation and similar activities. Participants expressed a specific interest in activities for either younger people or elderly people. People were also interested more community-oriented or cultural activities in general, such as festival celebrations. In this category, several participants indicated that they would like to see more nightlife in Chinatown.
- Relatively few people suggested a need for new facilities for community services, although one person suggested a Chinese consulate located in Chinatown to get visas more easily and others wanted more healthcare facilities.

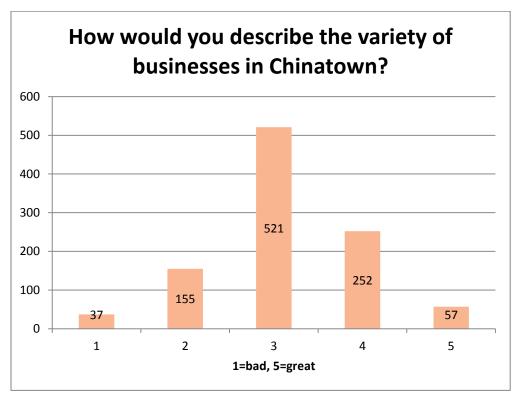


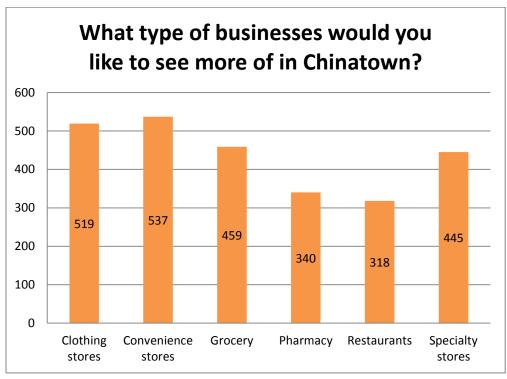


#### **Economic Growth**

As the Asian population continues to grow in Chinatown's core, it is crucial to examine the variety of businesses that are located in the community and what types of additional businesses are needed to meet the demand of the community. Economic development was the sixth top concern for survey participants overall. Respondents were also asked to identify the types of commercial needs they wanted to see in Chinatown.

- **Retail variety:** 40% of respondents wanted a larger variety of commercial businesses in Chinatown. Of those, there was the most demand for convenience, clothing, and grocery stores. Some people specifically called for more brand-name stores and chain restaurants in Chinatown.
- **Tourism:** 10% of the written responses discussed the need for an economic development strategy to boost tourism in Chinatown.



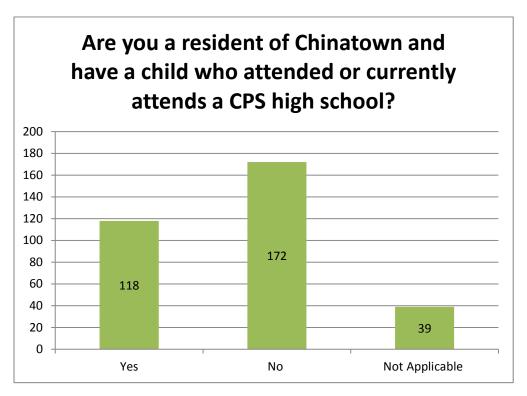


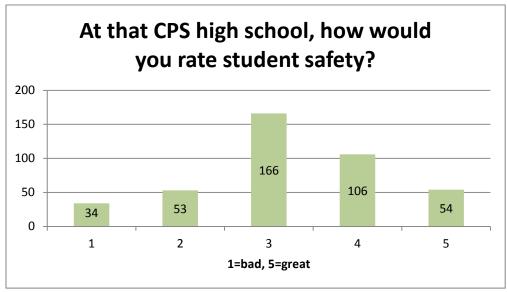
## **Education**

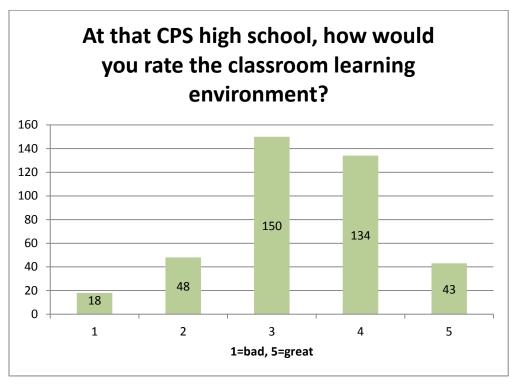
Chinatown residents who were either (a) a parent who had children who attended (or had attended) a Chicago Public School high school or (b) a current student at a CPS high school were asked to rate their level of satisfaction with student safety, the classroom learning

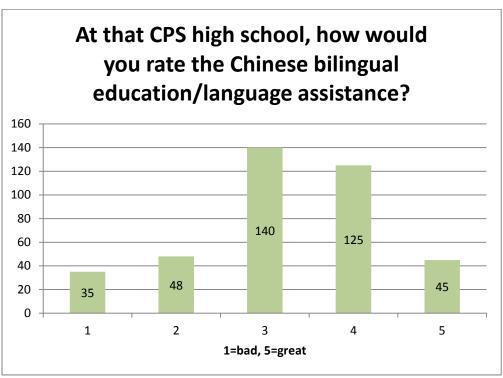
environment, and Chinese bilingual/language assistance programs. In general, the level of satisfaction with all three categories ranged from satisfactory to good.

A number of people called for establishing a neighborhood high school since there is not a CPS high school directly serving the Chinatown neighborhood. Some people also specified their desire for this new school to be a bilingual (English/Chinese) school.





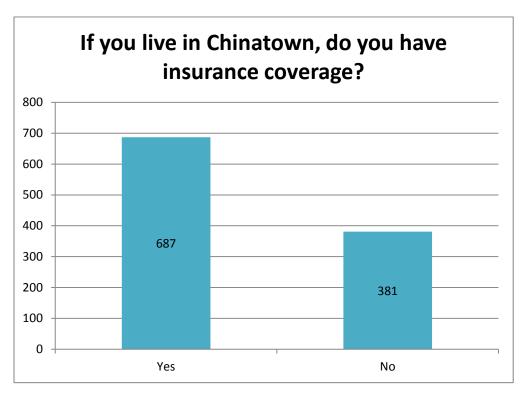


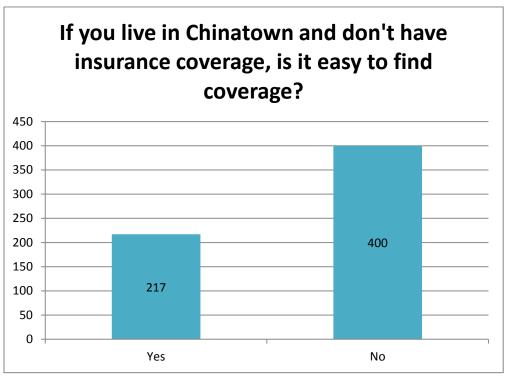


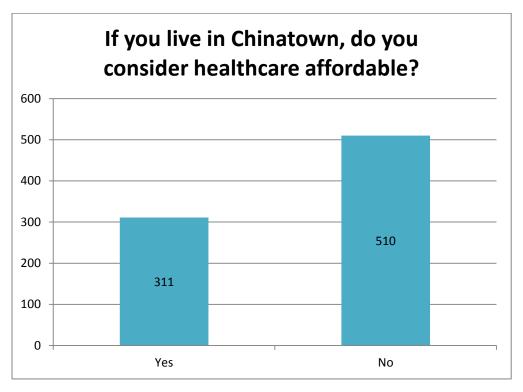
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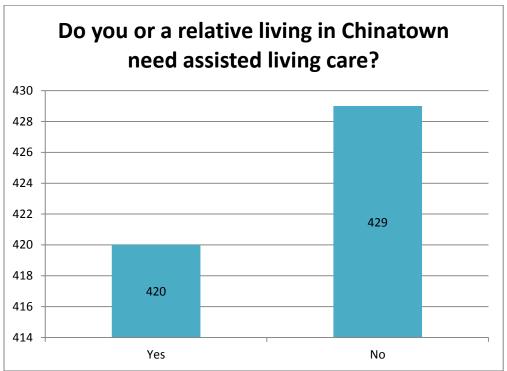
When participants were asked for their overall top three concerns, over half of the responses related to healthcare service provision and access. The survey also asked specific questions about healthcare coverage and the need for assisted living care. The results gathered from these questions indicate that there is a need for accessible and affordable healthcare in the community. Although most residents reported having some form of insurance, 36% of residents

currently do not have insurance and most of this group have not found it easy to obtain insurance. Recent immigrants in particular identified this as a major issue. Nearly two-thirds of respondents do not consider healthcare to be affordable. Lastly, although there is a significant elderly population in Chinatown, responses indicate that there is not a strong need for assisted living care.







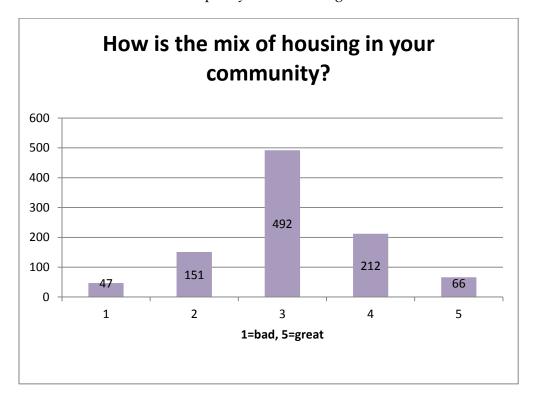


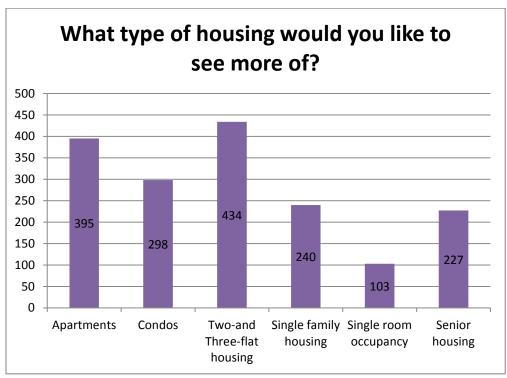
## Housing

A key element of strategic planning for the future of Chinatown is to take a close at the existing housing available and as well as the type of housing people would like to see more of. Participants expressed the following opinions regarding the mix, supply, and affordability of housing:

• A significant number of people were concerned with housing affordability.

- Over 50% of the responses called for a greater supply of housing, with a strong interest in both apartments and two- or three-flat housing. Of the people interested in more housing, nearly 40% were interested in more apartments for individuals (particularly recent immigrants), while 35% were interested in elderly housing.
- 19% were concerned with the quality of the housing.

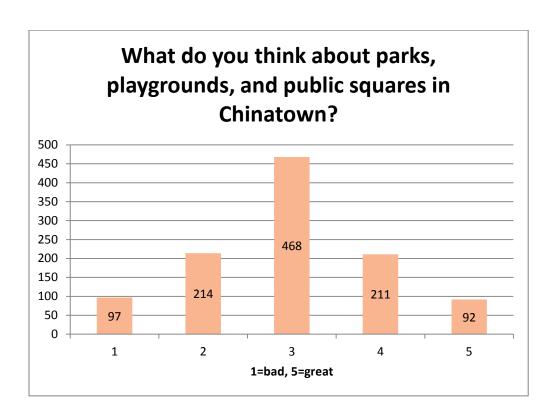


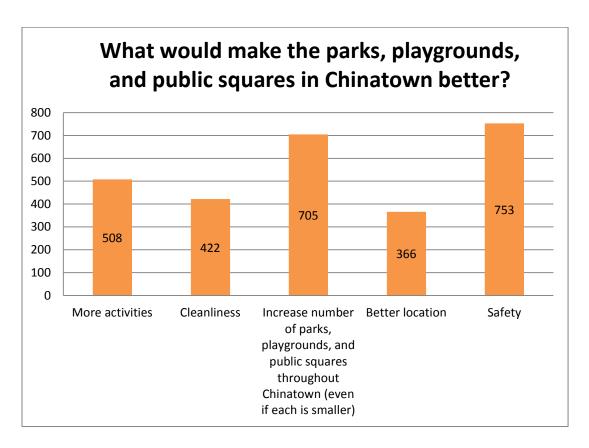


#### Parks, Playgrounds, and Public Squares

When asked for their overall top three concerns, very few participants mentioned parks, playgrounds, public squares, or other open spaces. Chinatown's core is within walking distance three main public open spaces: Ping Tom Park (a large park area along the riverfront), Sun-Yat Sen Park (a neighborhood park), and Chinatown Square. The participants were asked to rate their level of satisfaction with the existing parks and identify the main issues that impede the community from taking full advantage of these community resources. While many people expressed satisfaction with Ping Tom Park, participants expressed some concerns with Chinatown's current open spaces.

- **Safety**: As the number one overarching concern for the entire community, safety was also an issue for parks and other open spaces. Several people wanted more police patrols and street lights.
- **Increasing open space**: The second-highest issue relating to parks was increasing the amount of open space.
- Cleanliness: Most people believed that the parks were too dirty, with a lot of garbage and graffiti, and wanted to see better maintenance of these open spaces. Many people cited the lack of public bathrooms available and called for more to be built.
- Activities and facilities: Many people were interested in holding more activities, such as exercise, in parks and open spaces, along with more playground equipment and a swimming pool.



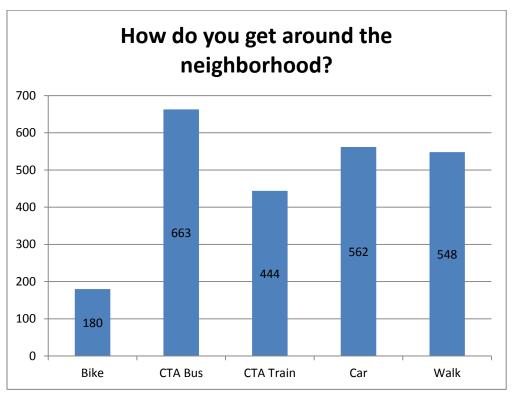


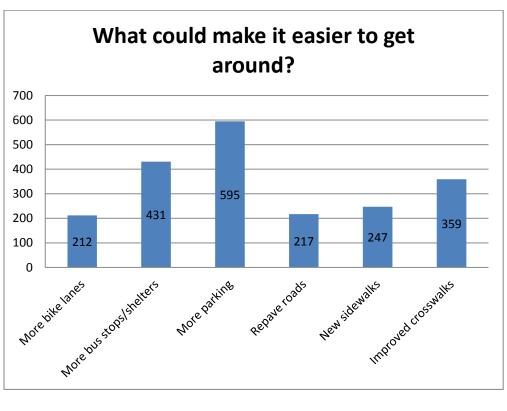
## **Transportation**

The mobility of residents, stakeholders and visitors community into and around Chinatown is a crucial factor to examine for the Chinatown Community Vision Plan in order to understand the type of issues that exist and the improvements can be made to alleviate frustration when traveling around the community. Bus transit was the most common mode of transportation for Chinatown residents. Driving and walking were close seconds, followed by riding CTA trains. Of those who took public transit, the most common routes for Chinatown residents were 62, 24, 21, and 44 buses and the Red and Orange CTA subway lines.

Participants voiced a few areas in which transportation could be improved in the neighborhood:

- **Parking** was the number one transportation concern.
- **Expanding the access and service** of transportation also a very critical issue for people. Responses within this category suggested running more frequent buses, as well as adding additional bus stops or routes through Chinatown.
- Improving pedestrian circulation was a recurring theme, with people commenting on how difficult it is to cross major roads with high-volume traffic. Nearly all of the suggestions for transportation infrastructure were about stop signs or pedestrian overpasses or crosswalks to get around busy streets.
- **Following traffic rules**: About 10% of the comments related to behavioral problems, such as people not obeying traffic laws or following parking regulations.





## Project Area

A map of Chinatown's core was included in the questionnaires to familiarize the community with the study area for the Chinatown Community Vision Plan, as well as gather feedback on areas in Chinatown they (a) like, (b) dislike, or (c) believe the community should invest time and effort into. The participants were asked to place symbols representative of each of these three categories on the map and follow up with a written comment. The main comments and suggestions are as follows:

## • Places people liked:

- Chinatown Square: many people commented that they liked going to restaurants and shopping here
- Ping Tom Park
- Community facilities, such as CASL, Pui Tak Center, CCBA, CBCAC, and the library

## • Places people disliked:

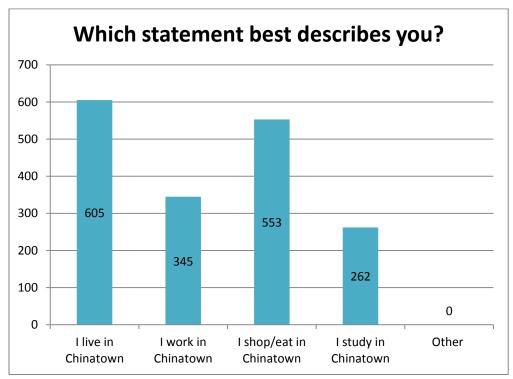
- The residential and commercial areas near Old Chinatown, with many participants explaining that they believe it is "dirty," "unsafe," and "crowded"
- The number one reason people disliked places was because safety was bad, particularly near the viaducts or heavily trafficked intersections

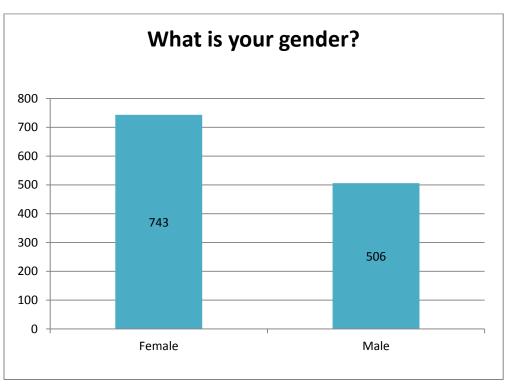
## • Places people want to improve:

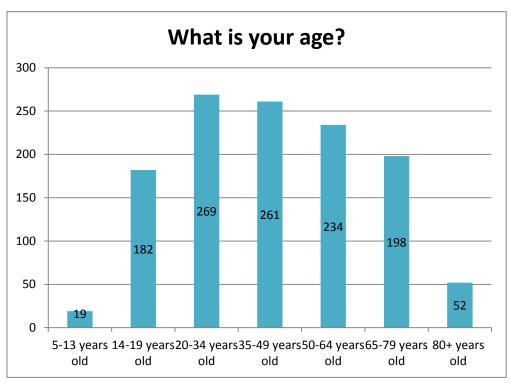
- Pedestrian crossings and access
- o Old Chinatown and Wentworth street: cleaning it up, attracting new businesses, modernizing it, integrating it better with Chinatown Square
- People are looking forward to the new library
- More retail overall

#### **Demographics**

This phase of public engagement reached over 1,600 residents and stakeholders from a variety of places, representing a wide range of demographic groups in Chinatown. Most participants indicated that they live in Chinatown. Nearly as many shop or eat in Chinatown. The majority of participants were female (60%). When asked to indicate their age group, the largest group of participants indicated that they were 20 to 34 years old (22%), followed closely by the 35 to 49 years old category (21%).







How this

## work informs the Chinatown Community Vision Plan

The extensive outreach efforts generated a large volume of useful data that will inform the next steps of the planning process. This analysis of the top concerns and needs of the Chinatown community identified many types of services, amenities, infrastructure, and activities that residents want to see improved. The next step for the project will be a public community visioning workshop to solicit input from the community on the following questions:

- Of all of the top concerns raised in the surveys, which should be addressed in the short-, medium-, and long-term? Although we now have a sense of Chinatown's top concerns and needs, the workshop will help us to identify which ones are well-suited to immediate action and which will require long-term strategies, so that recommendations in the Chinatown Community Vision Plan can prioritize and phase activities accordingly.
- 2. What specific strategies do people think would be most appropriate to address Chinatown's top concerns and needs? Because Chinatown has such a unique culture and demographic, some strategies that work in other communities may not necessarily be effective for Chinatown. Therefore, we need more information from community members on how Chinatown's organizations and other city resources can best address the top concerns and needs that have been identified. This will help us develop the most concrete, feasible, and effective recommendations in the final plan.

By engaging community members in identifying potential solutions to the issues they care about, this workshop will allow them to actively participate in shaping the future of Chinatown. After the visioning workshop, CBCAC, Alderman Solis, CMAP, and the rest of the project

Steering Committee will work closely to develop a final plan that reflects the community's needs and offers appropriate strategies to address them.

Figure 1: "Chinatown Postcards from the Future"

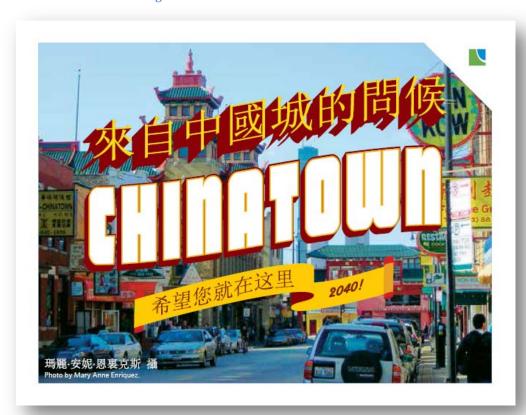
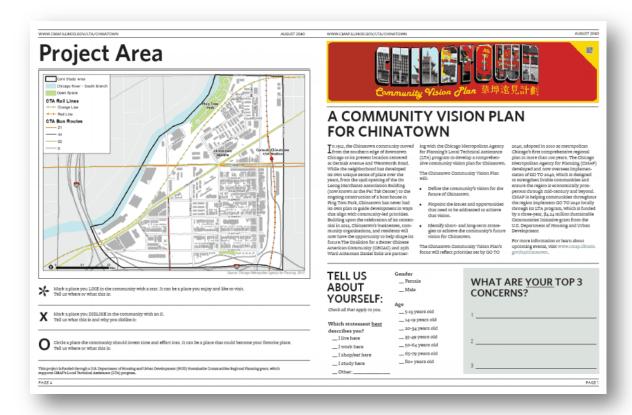




Figure 2: Questionnaire (English)



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Community Identity	Parks, Playgrounds, and Public Squares	How Chinatown Looks	Economic Growth
What makes Chinatown unique?	What do you think about the parks, playgrounds, and	How would you rate how Chinatown looks today?	How would you describe the variety of businesses in
Write down the first thing that comes to mind.	public squares in Chinatown? (1 = bad, 5 = great)	(1 = bad, 5 = great)	Chinatown? (1 = bad, 5 = great)
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	What would make them better?	What physical changes would improve Chinatown?	What types of businesses would you like to see more
	Check all that apply and describe:	Extra clean up of streets & alleys	of in Chinatown? Check all that apply and describe:
	Activities	New commercial development	Clothing stores
	Better location	New green landscaping or trees along sidewalks	Convenience stores
ğ	Cleanlinean	New residential development	Grocery_
Healthcare	☐ Increase number of parks	Upgrade business facades & signage	Pharmacy
Do you have healthcare coverage? Yes No	Safety	Upgrade business racades & signage	Restaurants
If not, is it easy to find coverage? Yes No	Anything else?	Anything else?	Specialty stores
Do you consider healthcare affordable?  Yes  No	Anything eiser	Anything eiter	
Do you or a relative living in Chinatown need			Anything else?
assisted living care? Yes No			
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Community Services	Transportation	Housing	
How would you rate Chinatown's commuity services?	How do you get around the neighborhood?	How is the mix of housing in your community?	Are you a resident of Chinatown and have a child wh
(1 = bad, 5 = great)	Bike	(1 = bad, 5 = great)	attended or currently attends a CPS high school?
1 2 3 4 5	CTA Bus (Which ones?)	1 2 3 4 5	If YES, which high school?
What additional community services would you like to	CTA Train (Which ones?)	What would you like to see more of?	At that high school, how would you rate the following
ee? Check all that apply and describe:	Car	Check all that apply and describe:	(1 = bad, 5 = great)
Cultural	Walk	Apartments	Student Safety?
☐ Educational	Other	Condos	1 2 3 4 5
☐ Immigrant	What could make it easer to get around?	Senior housing	Classroom learning environment?
Recreational	☐ More bike lanes ☐ Repave roads	Single family housing	1 2 3 4 5
Religious	☐ More bus stops / shelters ☐ New sidewalks	Single room occupancy	Chinese bilingual education/language assistance?
☐ Youth	More parking Improved	Two- and three-flat housing	1 2 3 4 5
Anything else?	crosswalks		
	Anything else?	Anything else?	Anything else?

Figure 3: Questionnaire (Chinese)





Figure 4: Short canvassing survey



TELL US	Gender	
	Female	Economic Growth
ABOUT	Male	How would you describe the variety of businesses in
YOURSELF:		Chinatown? (1 = bad, 5 = great)
I OURSELI.	Age	1 2 3 4 5
	5-13 years old	What types of businesses would you like to see more of in
	14-19 years old	Chinatown? Check all that apply:
Which statement best	20-34 years old	☐ Clothing stores
escribes you?	35-49 years old	Convenience stores
I live here	50-64 years old	Grocery
I work here	2 - 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17	☐ Pharmacy ☐ Restaurants
I shop/eat here	65-79 years old	Restaurants
		Charieltz stoves
I study here	80+ years old	☐ Specialty stores
I study here Other:	457.3	☐ Specialty stores  Anything else?
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Transportation	Housing
How do you get around the neighborhood?	How is the mix of housing in your community?
Bike	(1 = bad, 5 = great)
CTA Bus (Which ones?)	1 2 3 4 5
CTA Train (Which ones?)	What would you like to see more of?
☐ Car	Check all that apply:
☐ Walk	☐ Apartments
Other	Condos
What could make it easer to get around?	Senior housing
More bike lanes Repave roads	Single family housing
☐ More bus stops / shelters ☐ New sidewalks	Single room occupancy
☐ More parking ☐ Improved crosswalks	Two- and three-flat housing
Anything else?	Anything else?
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Healthcare	Education
IF YOU LIVE OR WORK IN CHINATOWN:	Are you a resident of Chinatown and have a child who
	attended or currently attends a CPS high school?
Do you have healthcare coverage?	YES NO
YES NO	If YES, which high school?
If not, is it easy to find coverage?	At that high school, how would you rate the following?
YES NO	(1 = bad, 5 = great)
Do you consider healthcare affordable?	0.1
YES NO	Student safety?
	1 2 3 4 5
Do you or a relative living in Chinatown need assisted living care?	Classroom learning environment?
T YES NO	1 2 3 4 5
	Chinese bilingual education/language assistance?
	1 2 3 4 5
Parks, Playgrounds, and Public Squares	WHAT ARE YOUR TOP
What do you think about the parks, playgrounds, and public	
squares in Chinatown? (1 = bad, 5 = great)	3 CONCERNS?
1 2 3 4 5	
What would make the parks and open space better?	
Check all that apply:	- I
Activities	
Better location	
Cleanliness	2
☐ Increase number of parks, playgrounds, etc.	
Safety	



# **MERCHANT SURVEY**

usiness Address						
usiness Phone		Email				
How long has you	r business been in op	eration at this location	n? (● mark ONE)			
under 1 year	☐ 1-5 years	☐ 6-10 years	☐ 11-20 g	years	over 2	20 years
Does your busine	ss own or lease the sp	pace in which it is loca	ated? 🗌 Own	Lease	Lease,	want to purchase
. How satisfied are	you with the present l	location of your busin	ess? (● mark ON	E)		
Very Satisfied	Satisfied	☐ Neutral ☐	Unsatisfied	☐ Very Uns	satisfied	☐ Plan to Move
Why2						
Improved somew Stayed the same' Decreased some' Decreased drama Wasn't here	? what?					
		operations for your b			0/-	ark ONE)
. Do you have plans	s to expand or reduce	operatione for your p	usiness in the fo	reseeable fut	ure? (● ma	ark ONL)
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## NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES ASSESSMENT

#### 7. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements? ( • mark ONE answer for each statement)

		Strongly Agree (2)	Somewhat Agree (1)	Neutral (0)	Somewhat Disagree (-1)	Strongly (-2 Disagree
Local police protection is outstanding.		🗆				
l feel safe in Chinatown, even at night						
Local waste management service is outsta						
Local municipal services are well worth the	level of local taxation	🗆				
l always direct customers to other Chinator	vn businesses	🗆				
I seek ways to cooperate with complement	ary Chinatown businesse	s. 🗌				
The existing business mix in Chinatown he	ps my business	🗆				
The look and feel of Chinatown helps my b	usiness.	🗆				
My building façade draws customers into n						
My window and store displays help my bus						
Most businesses in Chinatown do what the						
business look nice		🗆				
My advertising helps my business						
Businesses in Chinatown are open when c						
Employees of my business show great cus	tomer service.	🗆				
Housing for employees is readily available.						
			$\overline{}$	$\overline{}$	$\overline{}$	$\overline{\Box}$
Businesses in Chinatown talk to each othe	r and work together			1 1		
Businesses in Chinatown talk to each othe Chinatown is an excellent place to have a l	ousiness	🗆				
	re experiencing the foll	owing busine				
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	Very Useful (3)	Useful (1)	Don't Know (-1)	Useless (-3
Networking events (i.e. breakfast/luncheon meetings, business after hours	)			
Group business training (e.g. workshops to help grow business)				
Workforce development				
Cooperative advertising coordination				
Advertising or marketing of Chinatown as shopping destination				
Low interest business loan program				
Low interest building improvement loan program				
Façade improvement matching grant				
Sign improvement matching grant				
Chinatown business directories, maps, etc. targeted to potential customers	S			
Business training (e.g. how to write a business plan, etc.)	_			
Analysis and reporting of the Chinatown market / economy		00000000000		
Free design assistance (for advertising, signage, window displays, etc.)				
Special event coordination (increasing foot traffic)				
How far do customers typically have to park from your business? (● mark ONE)  Near entry  ½ blocks away  3 blocks away		our business try	r employees typic s? (● mark ONE) 2 blocks 3 blocks	s away
1 block away 4 blocks or more	1 block a	*	_	or more
If you own a parking lot, how many parking spaces	If you own	a parking l	ot, how many par byees (not custor	king spaces
are available for customers (not employees)?				
12. How many people, including owners, does your business employ (Full-time = 32 or more hours/week)	in each of the fo	llowing cate	egories?	
12. How many people, including owners, does your business employ		ollowing cate	egories?	

14. What are the hours of operation for your	business?			ek, what are th		
Monday from to		for your but week)	siness? (●	mark up to SEV	'EN times total	for the
Tuesday from to			Before	11:00 a.m	2:00 p.m	After
Wednesday from to			11:00 a.m.	2:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
Thursday from to		Monday				
Friday from to		Tuesday				
Saturday from to		Wednesday				
Sunday from to		Thursday				10000
curious norm		Friday	님	님	Η	Η
		Saturday Sunday	H		H	H
15. What are your thoughts on store hours?		Suriday	Ш			
I am open all the hours I need to be		17. What ar	e the three	ousiest months	s of the year f	for this
☐ I can't be open more hours for personal rea	isons	busine	ss? (● mark	up to THREE)		
I should be open more hours, but can't affo	rd the staff	☐ January		February	☐ Marc	h
I should be open more hours, but can't find	good staff	☐ April		May	June	
I would be open more hours if I were sure of		☐ July		August	☐ Sept	ember
I would be open more hours if everyone els	e were	☐ October		November	☐ Dece	ember
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c% Radio					
d% Television					
e% Window Displays					
f% Willboards					
g% Internet					
h% Local Service Organizations					
i% Other(speci	£.\				
i(speci	ту,				
6. To what degree do the following traits	help make y	our business m	ore competitive ve	ersus other	
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